

NATION WIDE
STRIKE ORDER
ON RAILWAYS
PROMULGATEDIf Carried Out Will Be
Greatest Disaster In
History

ALL UNIONS TO JOIN IN

Two Million Men to Be
Effected If Strike
Takes Place(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Oct. 15.—The railroads will be able to continue operation despite the nation wide strike called by sixteen railroad labor organizations in the opinion of Samuel M. Felton, president of the Chicago, Great Western, one of the principal roads included in the first group on which the rail employees will walk out October 30.(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Oct. 15.—More than a half million American railway men were ordered today to initiate a strike October 30, while other unions, whose membership brings to total to about 2,000,000, announced, unofficially, that they were tonight preparing to follow suit and make the walk-out general on the same dates.

Under this program the tie up would be complete, according to union predictions, by November 2.

The hour was fixed for 6 a. m. October 30, except for one Texas line, whose trainmen were authorized to go out October 22.

The railroads listed in the first group on which the strike is to become effective touch forty-two of the forty-eight states, with a trackage of 73,000 miles out of the total United States trackage of approximately 200,000.

The New England states comprise the group that is virtually untouched in the first walk out.

Will Not Tolerate Violence

The strike orders were issued to the Big Four brotherhoods, oldest and most powerful in the railway unions, and they specifically included mail trains in the walkout. Their provisions instructed strikers to keep away from railroad property with a warning that "violence of any nature will not be tolerated by the organizations."

The strike was announced following an overwhelming vote said to be upward of 90 per cent, favoring a (Continued on Page 4)

Alleged Murderer
Held at Daytona
For Georgia Men(By Associated Press.)
Daytona, Oct. 15.—Wanted at Fitzgerald, Ga., on an indictment charging murder, Fred Stubbs, a striking employee of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railway was taken into custody this afternoon by deputy sheriffs and is being held in jail here awaiting the arrival of a deputy from Georgia to take him back for trial.

According to a letter received by deputy Sheriff Milton from Sheriff A. A. Dorsey, of Ben Hill county, Ga., Stubbs had been accused by another striker, who turned state's evidence, of having participated in dynamiting parts of the railroad right of way.

When arrested Stubbs denied any part in the dynamiting, but admitted that he had been a member of a party of forty strikers which engaged in a gun fight with a train crew of ten strike breakers near Fitzgerald. Stubbs maintains that the strike breakers fired on the party first. One of the train crew was killed in the fight.

RAWLINGSESCAPES
GALLOWS BY JURY
RECOMMENDATIONFirst Degree Murder Is
Verdict With Quali-
fying Clause

WILL GO UP FOR LIFE

Defendant Told Witness
To Be Sure Tell
the Truth(By Associated Press.)
Jacksonville, Oct. 15.—Frank Rawlings was found guilty of murder in the first degree with a recommendation for mercy by a jury in circuit court here early tonight. Rawlings trial grew out of the killing here September 4 of George H. Hickman, manager of the Palace theatre, when Rawlings robbed the playhouse of \$800. The jury deliberated more than two hours. The verdict automatically carries a sentence of life imprisonment, the same sentence given John H. Pope, local attorney, upon conviction last week of having planned his robbery and being "constructively" present.

Rawlings fate today centered largely around the testimony given by himself and that of E. F. Harrison, treasurer of the theatre, who was in the office with Hickman when he was killed, and who was struck over the head with a revolver. The defense sought to show that Hickman would not have been killed had he and Harrison not grappled with Rawlings and Hickman brought his pistol into play. Rawlings claimed his revolver was discharged accidentally during the struggle.

When Harrison took the stand today and asked to describe the details of the killings, Rawlings partly arose from his seat and said:

"And tell exactly what happened and nothing more."

Hearing is expected to begin Monday on Pope's application for a new trial.

Big Salaries to
Reserve Officials
Are Not Excessive(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 15.—The Federal Reserve Board does not regard "the salaries paid the governor of the New York Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve agent as being excessive," Governor Harding of the Board, said in a letter to Chairman Anderson, of the congressional agricultural commission made public tonight.

"No one familiar with the qualifications of these gentlemen, their long experience in banking, their established position in the banking community before the Federal Reserve Bank was organized, the magnitude of their responsibilities and the opportunities constantly afforded them to make other and more profitable engagements the latter indeed, would assert for a moment that they are being paid more than they are worth."

Pan-America Asked
to Join In Effort
to Bring Disarming(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 15.—An appeal to labor organizations in south and Central America to join with their colleagues in the United States to help bring about reduction of armament at the international conference in Washington, November 11, was issued today by the executive committee of the pan-American Federation of Labor.

Signed by President Gompers, the appeal said the November conference "offers an unparalleled opportunity for the workers of pan-America to express their views in unmistakable terms on the subject of the limitation of armaments as the first step toward the prevention of international warfare."

JAPAN IN ACCORD
WITH DISARMING
PLANS OF HARDINGOutline Of Oriental's
Program For Big
Conference

INITIATED DISARMING

But Geographical Position
Necessitates
Protection(By Associated Press.)
Tokio, Oct. 15.—Japan's disarmament policy formulated during repeated conferences of the cabinet council, and submitted for approval to the advisory council, will serve as instructions for the Japanese delegates to the Washington conference, according to the newspaper Asahi Shimbun today. The main points of this policy, says the newspaper, are substantially as follows:

The maintenance of world peace is the honored desire of the Japanese nation; so much so that the imperial government approved ahead of the other powers the idea of holding the Washington conference. The delegation shall strive to make clear that the principles of the empire are to maintain the minimum strength necessary for assuring the defense of the country.

The Japanese policy has not been framed with the armament of other countries as an objective but only with the idea of necessary defense, taking the geographical position of Japan into consideration. The yearling increase in armament expenditure has been due to the fact that international relationship has not allowed the powers to slacken their respective armaments preparations. If possible the sources of international difficulties shall be rooted out and perfect assurance of national defense established. Japan will willingly agree to a limitation of armaments with the other powers.

Car Load Nurses
Goes Over Bank;
Car Driver Dead(By Associated Press.)
Milledgeville, Ga., Oct. 15.—A. B. Berry was almost instantly killed, Miss Ruby Hoover was so seriously injured physicians hold little hope for her recovery, and three other persons were injured when an auto in which they were riding plunged over an embankment near here late today. Berry, who was driving the car, filled with nurses from the state sanitarium, sustained a broken neck. Two other women and a man suffered injuries thought not to be serious and three more escaped with minor hurts.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Presbyterian College 0, Citadel 20.
Center 28, St. Xavier 6.
Vanderbilt 21, University of Ky. 14.
University of Richmond 0, V.P.I. 34.
Alabama 95, Bryson 0.
Wofford 20, Elon College 7.
U. S. Infantry School 26, Piedmont College 6.
Wake Forest 10, Davidson 7.
Hamden Sydney 14, Roanoke College 6.
Virginia 14, V.M.I. 7.
North Carolina 7, South Carolina 7.
Columbia University 19, New York 0.
Cornell 110, Western Reserve 0.
Wesleyan 0, Boston University 7.
Washington & Jefferson 14, Carnegie Tech 0.
Georgia Tech 69, Furman 0.
Iowa 14, Illinois 2.
George Washington 7, William and Mary 7.
Georgetown 66, Westminster 0.
Trinity 6, Randolph Macon 0.
Rutgers 14, Washington and Lee 13.
Syracuse 28, Brown 0.
Army 21, Wabash 0.
Yale 23, Williams 0.
Notre Dame 33, Purdue 0.
Navy 13, Princeton 0.
Pennsylvania 17, Swathmore 7.
Duval High 5, University of Florida Scrubs 0.
Harvard 10, Georgia 7.
California 21, Pacific Fleet 10.
Ohio State 27, Minnesota 0.

CARROLL M'COMAS



Carroll M'Comas, New York comedienne, has been left the entire fortune of Howard J. Flannery, a prominent Pittsburgh business man who died recently.

BIG TIMBER DEAL WILL
BE BIG ASSET TO O. V.
IN PAYING OFF TAXESMississippi Capitalists
Take Over Several
Million Feet(By Associated Press.)
Good fortune has already started to smile on the O. V. railroad. In the Marion County Circuit Court Friday, Judge Bullock granted the application for issuance of Receivers certificates to pay off state taxes. Saturday the largest hardwood deal, in many months, was closed here, taking in every stick on the 56,000 acres owned by the Florida Farms & Homes Co., along the O. V.

The purchasers are E. D. Biggs and C. E. Mize, of Amory, Miss., and D. H. Hall, of Albany, Miss. The sale was made by J. H. Paine and Fred Featherstone, of Arlington, Ky., who had but recently bought the timber, estimated at thirty million feet, from Smith and Wadsworth.

The first sawmill will be located in the vicinity of Kenwood and it is expected that it will be in full operation not later than sixty days. More mills will be constructed later.

Messrs. Biggs, Mize and Hall will come to Palatka with their families some time in December and make their future homes here. They have been at the James hotel for the last two weeks while the deal has been brewing, and left Palatka yesterday for their Mississippi homes.

Mr. Biggs went to Ocala on Thursday to testify before Judge Bullock in the case of the O. V.'s application for receiver's certificates and it is said that the attorneys for the bond holders expressed considerable doubt that such quantity of hardwood existed anywhere in Florida, let alone along the line of a railroad that some thought should be "junked."

Those who have met the three gentlemen during their short stay here found them most pleasant and capable gentlemen and the community will welcome them when they return in December.

Madison Slayer Is
Found Not Guilty
Murder of Youth

Madison, Oct. 15.—J. C. Harrell was found not guilty of the charge of murder in connection with the death of Dossie Richardson here September 14, by a jury in circuit court last night. The trial lasted only a day. Harrell claimed self defense and emotional insanity.

Richardson was shot five times in the yard of a ginney near here and Harrell was arrested the following day.

The defendant took the stand in his own behalf and told of ineptly a letter from Richardson to his daughter which led to the killing.

STEAMER RATES REDUCED

Mobile, Oct. 15.—Tariffs containing reduced rates via the steamer Tarpon between Mobile, Pensacola, St. Andrew, Bay Point and other points served by the Coast Steamship Lines have just been published and reduced charges will go into effect October 20. Copies of the tariff were received here today. The tariff covers a large number of commodities shipped between these points.

YOU, AS A BUYER, CAN MAKE
POSSIBLE VARIETY IN STOCK
TO CHOOSE MERCHANDISE

We have passed through the causes of expectancy of home protection, the origin of merchandising and the joint value to you and to the merchant of quick turnovers.

Now what is the effect of the home merchant only supplying your immediate or urgent needs? Only the buyers can make it possible for him to do more. Let us see.

If we were living in a community where the ladies needed no party dresses; where no full dress functions were ever held; where ice was never called for; where electric fixtures were unknown; a merchant who had a shop to sell these commodities would be rated quite inferior in mentality. Would he not? How can a merchant be called on to invest on a broad scale in commodities or to carry a variety, when the demand he knows is all about him, is going to other sections. The local merchant fully understands the needs, even the demands of the local population, and is anxious to fill them. They buy from the same sources that good merchants in every section do. They spend their money at home and by doing so are helpful in building up the trade of the city. They know that if they bought their personal needs in larger communities the larger places would grow at the expense of ours and that they would be stifling the ambitions and anxiety of local houses to carry broader lines and at even lower prices.

So then the effect of buying away from home cannot improve any local condition, but rather must magnify it. The remedy in consequence is not with the seller, but absolutely with the buyer.

BUY AT HOME is a sane argument and one that civic pride urges, and further, that your good judgement and your purse strings must advocate.

SOUTHERN PORTS GIVES
PALATKA AND PALATKAN
BOOST IN LAST ISSUEHart Merchant Marine
Plan Featured—Has
Page Ad In

South Atlantic Ports Magazine for October, a periodical published in Jacksonville in the interest of all shipping, but water-borne in particular, and then in American bottoms, is just off the press. Copies reached Palatka Saturday and hold much of interest for News readers.

This number of the magazine devotes considerable space to the "Hart Plan" devised by none other than the Secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, and of which President Harding says, in accepting an honorary vice-presidency, he "hopes the organization may realize the large usefulness of which its program gives promise."

The magazine carries a digest of the plan written by the author; an article by Ernest Metcalf of Jacksonville, pertaining to the formation of the Merchant Marine Minute Men of America, which is the organization coming into existence all over the United States to prosper the "Hart Plan," and see to its enactment into law by the congress. Palatka has a full page advertisement of its attractive facilities as well as mention in the St. Johns River Port Development section.

Briefly stated the Hart Plan provides for the steel fleet of government owned vessels to be converted into non-taxable merchant marines navy bonds, the bonds given free to all ex-service men, the fleet operated by strictly American companies who pay the government the interest on the bonds and an amount to establish a sinking fund for the care of the vessels and their replacement.

In conjunction with the foregoing the Minute Men, or the 4 M's, as they are being called, are being organized all over the country to prevent a repetition of alleged attempts now being made to dispose of the fleet for a song. Only Americans are eligible to membership and in the solicitation of members many unemployed ex-service men have found pleasant work in the larger cities. The first company of Minute Men was formed in Jacksonville because Mr. Mart was residing there when the Plan first gained prominence.

Next Tuesday evening Secretary Hart will go to Jacksonville to address a large meeting of Rotarians, Kiwanians, Civitans and the Jack-Ton meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce and Palatka might well show interest in the prominence coming to one of our new and boosting citizens by sending up a good delegation. He was made a director of the Central Florida Traffic League at the last meeting held in Sanford, according to the Sanford Herald.

The Jacksonville Post of the American Legion.

HARDING HAS
RAIL RULERS
TO A CONFAB
ON SITUATIONRailway Labor Board
and I. C. C. Called
For Pow Wow

SEEKING ADJUSTMENT

Brotherhood Statistician
Says Executives Made
False Figures(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 15.—The public group of the Railroad Labor Board and the full membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission, by personal direction of President Harding, joined forces today in an effort to avert the threatened serious railroad labor complication.

Summoned to Washington by the President the three members representing the public on the Railroad Labor Board were escorted by Mr. Harding, himself, to a conference with the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which was unfinished at the end of the day and left open to resumption Monday.

Silence was maintained by all parties to the conference, even in the face of the strike call, but the purpose of the meeting was said in a White House announcement, to be consideration "of the possibility of an early adjustment of railroad rates and wages."

"The President has been impressed that a somewhat anomalous situation surrounds the relations of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Railway Labor Board," the statement said. "The commission has very three powers, through its control of rates, to determine what the revenue of the roads should be, while the Railway Labor Board, through its authority in the matter of wage determination, has a very large power in determining the largest item of railway expenditures. The President was therefore, impressed with the desirability of getting these two highly potential bodies together and reaching something like a definite understanding between them."

Says Railroads Changed Figures

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 15.—Presentation of labor's case in the senate interstate commerce committee's investigation of general railroad conditions was begun today by Frank J. Ware, statistician for the railroad brotherhoods.

Charges were made by Mr. Ware that misleading and incorrect figures regarding railroad operations, receipts and net income had been presented to the committee during recent months by the railway executives. The executives, he said, had submitted "statistical fallacies."

A mass of information and detailed charts designed to prove inaccuracies in the executive's figures were presented by the witness, who denied that the railroads had suffered heavy losses from government control and said their revenues during the war were the largest in history.

Mr. Ware declared that to secure rate increases from the Interstate Commerce Commission the railroads had spent excessive amounts for maintenance without necessity.

Typos Gather to
Shorten Hours to
Make More Jobs(By Associated Press.)
Orlando, Oct. 15.—Delegates from nearly every local union in the state are here to attend the semi-annual convention of the Florida Typographical conference which opens here tomorrow. President O'Hara, of Lake Worth, announced today the chief topic of discussion at the sessions will be the establishment of a 44 hour week in union shops in the state.